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process, and I'm unclear as to the process at this point, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if I and others, but let it just be me willing to fight it to the end, if I were to fight to the end, the only thing available to me on Final Reading would be eight hours of the body's time during the few days that remain. Would you agree with that?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And then I would have...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...eight additional hours.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Dierks, on the Chambers amendment to LB 536A.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I'd like to respond a little bit to what Senator Landis was talking about, because he was talking about me and he's talking about my trying to get this bill out of committee and what I had to do to get that done. And I know that everybody here hasn't been privy to all the information and all the talk that we've done over this last...this last session with this piece of legislation, because much of it took place in Exec Session in the Revenue Committee and others of it took place in personal correspondence and chattering around the Legislature. It's true that for me to get that bill out of committee I had to accept an amendment that put a gluten tax and a distillers grain tax on the bill. And it's true that I told everybody that I talked to, including the whole array of people in that rotunda, that lobby, that I was not going to support removing the gluten tax or the distillers grain tax. But, as happens so often when these bills come to the floor, they become fair game for Now the amendment that's been developed that everybody else. we're looking forward to on Final Reading was not developed with my...with...I had...I didn't have that input. Now I had the opportunity to see that amendment. Another member of the